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LAWYER HELPS

The law schools in America in recent years have begun to do some training in the field of arts and skills of the practice. However, a crowded curriculum and a limit of time do not permit as much of this training as these schools would like to give. These arts and skills are naturally and probably best developed from observation (direct and indirect) of practitioners possessing such, and from experience itself.

The practitioner today has available for suggestion and guidance many helps of the Committee on Continuing Education of the American Law Institute collaborating with the American Bar Association (133 S. 36th Street, Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania). The director of the effort of this Committee is Mr. John E. Mulder.

Members of this Committee and members of its editorial board include such men as Harrison Tweed of New York, Herbert F. Goodrich of Philadelphia, Herbert W. Clark of San Francisco and many others of like ability, interest and spirit.

In the last issue of the *Quarterly*, we told the story of the work of the Practising Law Institute of New York. The pattern of operation of the Practising Law Institute and the pattern of operation of this Committee of the American Law Institute run somewhat parallel. However, the Practising Law Institute conducts institutes and schools in New York, and the Committee of the American Law Institute sponsors and participates in courses and institutes outside of New York. This division of territory is by agreement and cordial understanding.

"How To Do It"

Probably the outstanding contribution of this Committee to continuing legal education and the development of arts and skills in the practice are the many practical handbooks which the Committee has published and which are now being kept current covering so many different phases of the practice — Investment of Trust Funds — Trial of Civil Actions — Bulk Sales — Bank Deposits and Collections — Estate Planning — Partnership Agreements — many phases of Taxation — Technique in all phases of Trial Work — Business and Commercial Transactions — Domestic Relations — Management and Labor — Patent Law and Practice — Copyrights and Trade Marks — Law Office Management — Corporate Practice — Bankruptcy and Arrangements — Basic Accounting for Lawyers — and other fields of

practice. These handbooks have been and are being written by top flight practitioners. All told there are some thirty-eight of these available at this time, and more than 120,000 copies have heretofore been purchased by the practitioners in America. Most of these volumes sell for around \$2.50. (This operation is strictly non-profit.) Where three handbooks are purchased, the three may be had for \$7.00, and where six or more are purchased, they may be had for \$2.00 a volume.

"The Practical Lawyer"

The Committee is now publishing a magazine under the title "The Practical Lawyer". This new effort contains articles on various subjects of day to day interest and are concise and practical and are consistent with the policy of furnishing material on "How to do it". The magazine is complementing and supplementing, but not limiting the Committee's handbooks above referred to. Eight issues come out each year, October through May, and the subscription price is \$6.00 per annum.

The entire bar is indebted to this worthy Committee of the American Law Institute, its associates in the American Bar Association, and its able Director, Mr. Mulder.

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